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Gov. Beshear, Transportation officials announce Jefferson County funding

Represents commitment to local investments

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials today announced that \$1.8 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) investments have been approved in Jefferson County.

“My administration believes in the strength of local communities, and we will work to ensure they have support for projects that enhance the quality of life people enjoy,” said Beshear. “Our efforts are paying off through initiatives that improve air quality and provide viable alternative transportation solutions for the commonwealth.”

The Transit Authority of River City will receive \$1.3 million in CMAQ funding to replace five buses. The new low-floor buses will be equipped with pollutant-reducing engines. The low-floor design, along with fold-out ramps, provides easier access for people with disabilities.

The Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District will receive \$515,000 in CMAQ funding for its Kentuckiana Air Education (KAIRE) project – an outreach tool designed to inform the public about air quality issues.

“These projects will have a positive impact in Louisville,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “We work hard to ensure that our share of federal program funds is used in the most effective way possible to enhance quality of life for Kentuckians.”

Visit www.tea21.ky.gov for more information about the federal CMAQ program in Kentucky.